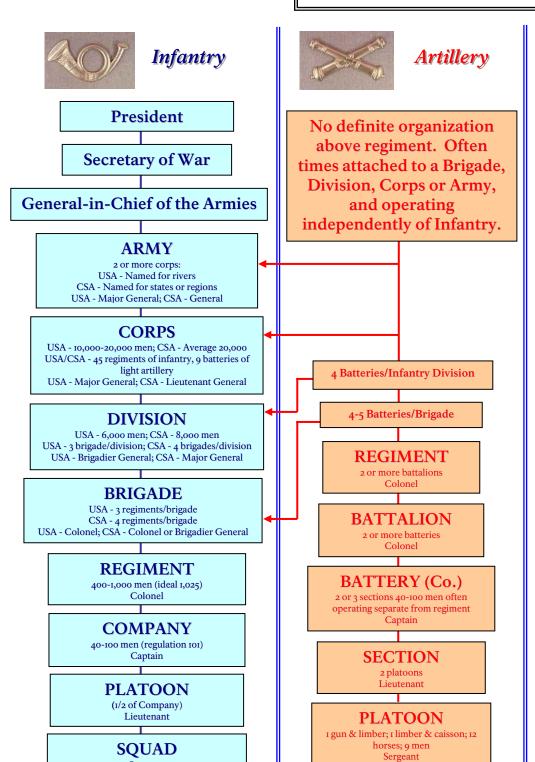
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Organization of the Civil War Armies

Sergeant

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Cavalry

Grades approximately the same as Infantry Command, Corps often operating as independent field force.

CORPS

2 or more divisions USA - Major General; CSA - Lieutenant General

DIVISION

2 or more brigades Major General

BRIGADE

2 or more battalions or regiments Colonel or Brigadier General

REGIMENT

2 or more battalions; 1,200 men & horses Colonel

BATTALION

2 Squadrons; 90-400 men & horses Major or Lieutenant Colonel

SQUADRON

2 troops; 60-200 men & horses for operating on detached service Major or Lieutenant Colonel

TROOP (Co.)

2 platoons; 40-100 men & horses (1 out of 4 men holds horses when fighting dismounted) Captain

PLATOON

Lieutenant

